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Attorney Docket 049135-5004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: <b>Brid Burruano <i>et al.</i></b>	)	
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Date of Entry into U.S. National Stage: <b>March 11, 2005</b>	)	
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For: <b>Mucus Formulation for Mucosal Surfaces and</b>	)	
<b>Uses Thereof</b>	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe a fee is due for filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

The present application is a U.S. National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/US2003/028582 (filed September 12, 2003). Copies of documents **aa** to **ae**, U.S. patent documents, are not enclosed. However, a copy of the International Search Report which issued in International Application No. PCT/US2003/028582 is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached forms.

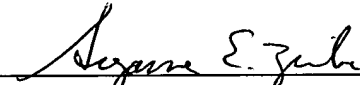
This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies a document as "prior art" against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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**Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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